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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 13-18, 24 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 13-18 and 24-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 13-18 and 24-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koritzinsky et al (US Patent No. 6,598,011).

As per claims 1, 13, 18 and 24, Koritzinsky et al disclose a system and method for providing services to a variety of medical diagnostic modalities. In so doing, Koritzinsky et al disclose a method of producing a reduced data set event log comprising the acts of

(a) monitoring an event log comprising examination and series data from a digital imaging device. See column 13, lines 23-66.

(b) automatically copying portions of the examination and series data from the event log to produce the reduced data set event log (column 13, line 23 to column 14, line 15 and figure 8).

As per claims 2 and 17, Koritzinsky et al disclose the event log is produced from a computed tomography (CT) device (column 4, lines 30-56).

As per claims 3 and 16, Koritzinsky et al disclose the event log comprises a multi-threaded event log. See column 13, line 23 to column 14, line 15.

As per claim 4, Koritzinsky et al disclose providing a feature extractor module and analyzing the event log using the feature extractor module since Koritzinsky et al teach the system automatically supplying certain information as an event log and identifying data for evaluation purposes. See column 13, lines 43-47 and lines 40-66. these data are maintained in the event log, error file or service request.

As per claims 5, 7 and 14, the system of Koritzinsky et al performing such as an automatic function and being in a network system denotes having an extractor module comprising a software algorithm or a software routine.

As per claims 8 and 15, Koritzinsky et al teach the feature extractor module comprises a state machine since certain conditions are being monitored. See column 13, lines 20-66.

Claim 9 contains limitations recited in claim 1, and these limitations are addressed in a similar rationale. Claim 9 further recites using a state machine and having switching states of the state machine. As per these limitations, Koritzinsky et al

teach means for sensing or monitoring certain conditions and parameters of the type of modalities for producing the reduced data set event log. See column 13, lines 20-66.

As per claim 10, Koritzinsky et al further teach manually inspecting exemplary event logs comprising examination records and series records and identifying a plurality of text-strings corresponding to the examination records and series records. See column 13, lines 49-61. Koritzinsky et al also teach a service operator identifies the examination records and series records. See also column 27, lines 21-39. Koritzinsky et al teach assigning a condition to each of the plurality of text strings, and using each of the conditions to define a state machine. See figure 8.

As per claim 25, see the rejection of claims 1 and 4 above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koritzinsky et al. (US Patent No. 6,598,011).

As per claim 6, the teachings of Koritzinsky et al. are discussed above. Koritzinsky et al do not explicitly disclose the feature extractor module comprises a Programmable Only Memory (PROM) device. Koritzinsky et al teach providing automatic means for detecting and storing logs of certain events. See columns 13-14.


Having a PROM device as a feature extractor module would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to do in modifying Koritzinsky et al in order to provide the necessary logic to constantly monitor and report event logs of the computed tomography device.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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